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Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP) Updates

While we are certain that you have been receiving guidance and staying informed about COVID-19, we want to make sure we are staying in communication and sharing resources with you. Below you will find a short list of links that may be useful to you and your organization as you prepare to respond to COVID-19.

- 1. The Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness have added a page to the <u>Heading Home Alliance website</u> for resources and updates specific to homeless service providers.
- 2. The Minnesota Department of Health website has up-to-date information about how COVID-19 is unfolding in Minnesota, the state's response and additional guidance.
- 3. Continue to check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website for current information, resources and guidance.
- 4. HUD posted CDC guidance and technical assistance (TA) materials on the HUD Exchange <u>Disease Risks and Homelessness webpage</u>, which hosts a number of resources, including but not limited to:
 - Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to COVID
 - Infectious Disease Preparedness for Homeless Assistance Providers and Their Partners **Training**
 - COVID 19 Client Support and Care

FHPAP Service Delivery, Meetings and Additional Need for Resources:

- Continuing to provide FHPAP services and financial assistance to households during this time is very important to Minnesota Housing. Follow your agency and/or FHPAP grantee's guidance related to working with participants, which may include social distancing or alternative modes of connection such as phone calls, Skype, or video calling.
- FHPAP grantees may wish to conduct their FHPAP advisory and other required meetings in a similar manner.
- Conversations about additional resources for addressing COVID-19 are happening with the governor's office and legislators, which is why it is helpful if organizations reach out to their local officials to address any needs.

Thank you for all you do to prevent and end homelessness in your communities. We appreciate your diligence in keeping our communities healthy and safe.

Please reach out to <u>Diane Elias</u> or <u>Nancy Urbanski</u> if you have any questions.







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